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Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 23, 2004, please consider the remarks as submitted herewith on the accompanying pages.

Claims 1-15 are all the claims pending in the application.

35 U.S.C. § 102:

Claims 1-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,875,035 to Motosugi et al. Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection in view of the following remarks.